

## REMARKS

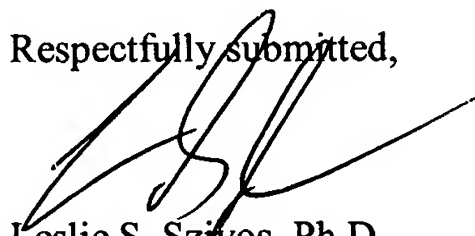
Consideration and entry of record of the above amendments to the claims is respectfully requested. Applicants observe that this 312 Amendment is being filed concurrently with the payment of the issue fee.

In reviewing the claims of the present application, applicants notice two typographical errors which appear in Claims 3 and 49. First, and with respect to Claim 3, applicants have inserted the term "comprising" before the word "recovering" so that the claim reads better.

Insofar as Claim 49 is concerned, applicants observed that Claim 49 repeated the subject matter of Claim 47. To obviate this, applicants have amended Claim 49 by changing the range from "15 to 55" to "8 to 27". Support for this amendment to Claim 49 is found in original Claim 7 as well as at Page 8, lines 29-30.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter into the specification and they do no effect the allowability of the claims. Applicants thus respectfully request that the amendments to Claims 3 and 49 be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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